

THE FISH FOOD SUPPLY

MATTERS OF HOUSEHOLD INTEREST DIS-
CUSSED BY THE FISHERIES SOCIETY.

The Decadence of New York Oysters—How
Whitefish Were Preserved in Lake Erie

The Excursion To-Day.

known as the American Fisheries Society reassembled yesterday, and the following list of officers for the ensuing year was reported by the committee on nominations, and the gentlemen named were unanimously elected: Col. Marshall M.

Donald, of Washington, president; I. Wm. M. Hudson, of Hartford, Conn., vice president; Mr. E. G. Blackford, of New York city, treasurer; Mr. W. V. Cox, of Ohio, corresponding secretary; Mr. F. Mather, of Cold Spring, N. Y., recording secretary; Messrs. G. Brown Goode, of Washington; F. L. May, of Nebraska;

Island, Richmond, of New York; J. Henshall, of Kentucky; Frank N. Claiborne, of Michigan; S. G. Worth, of North Carolina, and George Shepard Page, of New York.

Hon. Spencer Walpole, governor of the Isle of Man, and ex-Secretary of the Navy Robeson were elected honorary members. The committee upon revision of the constitution informally report the new constitution, which was ordered to be printed for the consideration of members of the society who will

The first paper read was by Mr. F. N. Clark, upon the results of plantings of whitefish in Lake Erie. At the close of the fishing season of 1884 an inquiry was begun to ascertain whether there had been an increase or decrease in the catch of whitefish, as compared with that of former seasons. The result was most gratifying, the catch having been by no means much less than for several

years, while all the facts and statements gathered pointed to the conclusion that the increase was due to the planting of young fish from the hatcheries. No disappointment would have been felt had there been no increase, as the breeding grounds are almost literally covered with seines. The decrease under the circumstances was not only arrested, but a large increase

A paper was read by Col. M. McDona who sought to indicate the objects and points yet unattained, and to suggest some of the agencies which must be invoked to restore and maintain our fisheries at the maximum.

The society took a recess at noon, a before reassembling, called by appointment at the executive mansion to pay their respects to the President.

The first paper read after recess was Eugene G. Blackford, upon the oyst beds of New York. During the past year an investigation has been in progress on the supposition that there was danger

near future unless steps were taken
ward remedying certain practices
which were thought to be d

mental to the success and continuance of the industry. Although the examination has not been completed, the natural oyster areas of the state are found to be in a bad condition and very much less extent than they were a score of years ago. The loss in the natural areas has been much more than made up in

which a great many more oysters went into market each year than formerly. The natural beds in the neighborhood of New York and Brooklyn have been the greatest sufferers, not only because of the greater drafts made there but because of the contamination of the water by the city and sewage of the city.

Fred Mather, of the New York commission, described briefly the work of the commission at Cold Spring harbor, N. Y. John A. Ryder described and illustrated upon blackboards some of the curious protective contrivances developed by and in connection with the various species of fish. Prof. O. J. M. described the use of the throwing a

Charles G. Atkins upon the blen spawning salmon was read by secretary.

The meeting adjourned to meet at 2 to-day upon the fish commission steamer Fish Hawk.

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Remanded to the Police Court.
Shortly after the criminal court was adjourned to be ready yesterday to hear appeals from the police court in District 1, Assistant District Attorney Padgett stated to the court that some time since the court

appeals where defendants failed to pay a docket fee within ten days they should be remanded to the police court for such cases as might there be decided upon. He informed the court that there were a number of cases, and asked for an order directing their return, which was given. The following cases were remanded: James T. Carberry, day bar; Ellen Robinson, John Faunce,

erick W. Weirick, selling on Sunday; Fletcher, profane and indecent language; Frank Jawa, concealed weapons; L. F. T. man and Robert M. Fingle, unlicensed duce dealers.

The Silk Culture Boom.
The department of agriculture is in re-
of large numbers of applications for
coccons, mulberry leaves, and inform-
about silk culture. This industry is exten-
and bids fair to become a popular form
dustry among farm women and others.

Mrs. C. A. Fleetwood, with Cadet C. will take Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Baltimore to-day. Fare, round trip, 31.

A Receipt at Alexandria.

The candidates for auditor at the presidential election in Alexandria are not satisfied the count, and they will have a recount.

CONDENSED LOCALS.

THE Washington Light Infantry Corps, full Marine Band, uses the Baltimore Potomac Railroad to Baltimore to-day, round trip, \$1.

The anniversary of the Ladies' Aid of Grace Reform Mission was held last

The National Rifles, with Frederick Band, uses Baltimore and Potomac Railroads Baltimore to-day. Excursion rate, \$1.

Lawlor, second deputy, John Maloney; deputy, James L. Connor; treasurer, Stack; financial secretary, S. P. Mourat; recording secretary, William Murphy; housekeepers, T. A. Duff, James Lawlor, Maloney, J. L. Connor, P. Sullivan, O'Brien, James L. Sullivan, H. Brownan.

Round trip, \$1.